THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (d) There is no proposal to establish a separate Atomic Authority for any State in the country. The Atomic Energy Act of 1962 empowers the Central Government the authority to develop atomic energy for the whole country.

Atomic Energy Regulatory Board

4575. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Atomic Energy Regulatory Board created in 1983 has been reduced to an ineffective organisation; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to make it an effective instruments for regulating nuclear activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) No, Sir. Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) which was set up in 1983 by the Government of India in terms of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 to carry out certain Regulatory and Safety functions envisaged under the Act has been functioning as an effective instrument of regulation of nuclear activities.

(b) Does not arise.

Atomic Power Projects under Nuclear Power Corporation

4576. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the Atomic Power Projects which are under the management of the Nuclear Power Corporation;

(b) whether it is a fact that all these power projects have together reported high cost over runs on their respective latest approved costs;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps proposed to be taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) The Atomic Power Projects which were under construction when Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL) was formed in 1987 are as follows:—

Narora Atomic Power Project ...Units 1 & 2

Kakrapar Atomic Power Project ...Units 1 & 2

Kaiga Project ...Units 1 & 2

Rajasthan Atomic Power Project ...Units 3 & 4